



Docket 17310

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: DONOVAN ) Examiner: B. Bunner  
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For: METHOD FOR TREATING CARDIAC )  
MUSCLE DISORDERS ) Irvine, California

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REMARKS**

I. The Office Action

The May 8, 2001 office action (the "Office Action") in this application requested applicant to restrict to one of:

1. Group A, claims 1-3;
2. Group B, claims 1-2 and 4;
3. Group C, claims 1 and 5-6;
4. Group D, claims 7-18 and 28-36, and;
5. Group E, claims 19-27.